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SUMMARY. CGT PROGRAMMED AUG 30-31 INTER-AMERICAN LABOR MEETING TO DISCUSS CREATION LA WORKERS CENTRAL CANCELLED ON INSTRUCTIONS PERON. FORMAL DISCUSSIONS ON CENTRAL AND CGT INTERNATIONAL LABOR POLICY POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER OCT 30. CGT STILL UNCERTAIN AS TO ADVISABILITY CREATION NEW INTER-AMERICAN LABOR ORGANIZATION. ACTION REQUESTED: PASS MCLELLAN AFL/CIO SUBSTANCE THIS MESSAGE. END SUMMARY

1. ENTERTAINMENT WORKERS UNION SECGEN ALVAREZ, WHO ALSO ADVISOR TO CGT INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS DEPARTMENT, GAVE LABATT RUNDOWN ON CURRENT CGT INTERNATIONAL LABOR OUTLOOK. ALVAREZ STATED THAT QUESTION OF LATIN AMERICAN WORKERS CENTRAL (CIT) WAS PUT ASIDE FOR TIME BEING. REFERRING TO AN AUG 11 CGT COMMUNIQUE ON AN INTER-AMERICAN MEETING TO HAVE BEEN HELD AUG 30-31, TO WHICH CHILEAN, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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URUGUAYAN, VENEZUELAN, MEXICAN AND CUBAN LABOR CENTRALS WERE INVITED (REFTEL, HE SAID THAT THE MEETING WAS PROPOSED BY CGT

SECGEN RUCCI WITHOUT PERON'S KNOWLEDGE. PERON ALLEGEDLY TOLD RUCCI TO CANCEL THE MEETING AS NOTHING SHOULD INTERFERE WITH THE PROGRAMMED AUG 31 LABOR RALLY HONORING PERON. ACCORDING TO ALVAREZ, PERON FURTHER INSTRUCTED RUCCI TO POSTPONE ANY DISCUSSIONS ON INTERNATIONAL LABOR POLICY UNTIL AFTER OCT 30. ALVAREZ WAS HIGHLY CRITICAL OF RUCCI, WHO HE SAID SENT OUT THE INVITATIONS AND PROGRAMMED

THE MEETING WITHOUT ANY CONSULTATION WITH OTHER CGT OFFICIALS. ABOVE INFORMATION ON CANCELLATION AUG 30-31 MEETING WAS CONFIRMED TO LABATT IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH RUCCI SUPPORTER, CGT PRESS ADVISOR POZO.

2. ALVAREZ OPINED THAT THE CGT WOULD BE UNLIKELY TO CREATE AN INDEPENDENT LA LABOR CENTRAL AS CGT OFFICIALS REALIZE THAT THE NUMBER OF OTHER NATIONAL TRADE-UNION CENTRALS WHICH WOULD AFFILIATE WOULD BE LIMITED. HE ALSO NOTED THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE CGT INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS DEPARTMENT ARE OFFICERS OF UNIONS AFFILIATED WITH INTERNATIONAL TRADE SECRETARIATS; THEREFORE, IT WOULD BE VERY UNLIKELY THAT THEY WOULD BE DISPOSED, UNLESS SPECIFICALLY DIRECTED BY PERON, TO CREATE A NEW ORGANIZATION WHICH WOULD OPPOSE THOSE DEMOCRATIC, US ORIENTED, ORGANIZATIONS. ALVAREZ POINTED OUT THAT SEVERAL CGT AFFILIATES ARE ALSO AFFILIATES OR ORIT, AND THAT THEY WOULD BE UNLIKELY TO FAVOR THE CREATION OF A RIVAL ORGANIZATION TO ORIT. ALVAREZ CONCLUDED THE DISCUSSION BY POINTING OUT THAT THE US SHOULD NOT FEAR ARGENTINE INTERNATIONAL LABOR POLICY AS IT WILL IN NO WAY BE ANTI-AMERICAN. HE SAID THAT OVER 90 PERCENT OF THE ARGENTINE LABOR ORGANIZATIONS ARE PHILOSOPHICALLY ATTUNED TO THE DEMOCRATIC INTERNATIONAL LABOR MOVEMENT, AND THEY HAVE NOTHING IN COMMON WITH PHILOSOPHICALLY OPPOSED MOVEMENTS.

3. COMMENT. THE REALITIES OF THE ARGENTINE AND THE INTER-AMERICAN LABOR SITUATION MAY WELL CONVINCE CGT THAT CREATION OF NEW ATLAS IS NOT REALISTIC ENDEAVOR AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, ANY DECISION ALONG THESE LINES WILL OBVIOUSLY BE DETERMINED BY PERON AFTER HIS PRESUMED ASSUMPTION TO THE ARGENTINE PRESIDENCY ON OCT 12.
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